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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

William Caton, Acting Secretary Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Room Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 94-102; Quarterly Report of Northcoast Communications, LLC on TTY-Digital Deployment

Dear Mr. Caton:

On behalf of Northcoast Communications, LLC ("Northcoast"), I am submitting this quarterly progress report on implementation of TTY access to Northcoast's digital wireless system. While Northcoast holds D, E and F block broadband PCS licenses to serve 56 markets, Northcoast presently is providing commercial service in the Cleveland market only.

Northcoast utilizes Lucent Technologies ("Lucent") infrastructure equipment in its Cleveland market. As a result, Northcoast's compliance with the FCC's TTY mandate is dependent on the TTY implementation solutions developed by Lucent. Northcoast understands that Lucent continues to file TTY capability status reports through the TTY Forum, and it directs the Commission to those reports for specific information regarding Lucent's development and deployment activities.

In addition, while Northcoast understands that certain carriers have experienced problems in the first office application testing of Lucent's equipment, Northcoast is hopeful that by the time the necessary TTY implementation software and equipment is made available to Northcoast, these issues will be resolved. However, since Northcoast is dependent on Lucent to devise solutions to any implementation problems, Northcoast clearly does not have complete

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control over this time frame. Nonetheless, Northcoast will make every effort to implement TTY access in its markets by the June 30, 2002 deadline.

Sincerely,

/s/

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